of GPF accounts and also to take action against those who cause delay in preparation of the accounts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) As per Municipal Corporation of Delhi there is about 2 years, delay in preparation of statements of GPF Accounts of MCD teachers. This is because the number of subscribers has increased.

(c) and (d) M.C.D. proposes to eliminate the backlog by putting the staff on over time duty.

Freight Carried by the Railways

1446. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the freight carried by the Railways during the last three years, years-wise;

(b) the target set for 1988-89 and whether it is likely to be achieved; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The revenue earning freight traffic carried by the Railways during the last three years, year-wise, has been as under:

Year	Revenue earning freight traffic carried (In million tonnes)
1985-86	258.55
1986-87	277.75
1987-88	290.21

(b) and (c) The target for Revenue Earning freight traffic for 1988-89 is 303 million tonnes and Railways expect to achieve this target.

Appointment of the Minister (Economic) in The High Commission of India in United Kingdom

1447. SHRI M.A. BABY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision to appoint a Minister (Economic) in the High Commission of India in United Kingdom has been taken; and

(b) if so, who has been selected and under what criteria?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Appointment of a Former Director if the Indian Embassy in Washington

1448. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the former director in the enforcement directorate, who was inquiring into FERA violations by one non-resident Indian, has since been posted as Minister, in the Indian Embassy in Washington; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) former Director of Enforcement, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance has been appointed as Minister (Economic) in the Embassy of India, Washington. Investigations of